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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:
  - an upper assembly, the upper assembly having a cooking chamber;
  - a lower assembly formed from a plurality of lower frame members;
  - at least one projection on one of either the lower assembly or the upper assembly, the projection having a first portion and a second portion; and,
  - at least one receiver on the other of said lower assembly or said upper assembly, the receiver having an inner surface, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver, the first portion of the projection is configured to be deformed by a force for biased [[into]] contact with the inner surface of the receiver.
2. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1, wherein the projection is positioned at a lower portion of the cooking chamber.
3. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1, wherein the receiver is positioned at a lower portion of the cooking chamber.
4. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1, wherein the projection depends from a lower portion of the cooking chamber.
5. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1, wherein the receiver depends from a lower portion of the cooking chamber.
6. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1, wherein the upper assembly has a plurality of upper frame members, the projection positioned on one of the upper frame members.
7. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 6, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the lower frame members.

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8. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1, wherein the upper assembly has a plurality of upper frame members, the receiver positioned on one of the upper frame members.
9. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 8, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the lower frame members.
10. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 1, further comprising means for biasing the first portion into engagement with the inner surface.
11. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 10, wherein the biasing means is inserted through an aperture in the receiver to bias the first portion.
12. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 10, wherein the biasing means is inserted through an aperture in the receiver and an aperture in the projection to bias the first portion.
13. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 10, wherein the biasing means is a threaded fastener.
14. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 2, wherein at least a portion of the cooking chamber is formed of cast material.
15. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 14, wherein the projection is at least partially formed of the cast material.
16. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 3, wherein at least a portion of the cooking chamber is formed of cast material.
17. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 16, wherein the receiver is at least partially formed of the cast material.
18. (Currently Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:
  - an upper assembly formed from at least one upper frame member, the upper frame member having a terminal end with an outer peripheral wall surface, wherein the upper assembly is adapted to support a cooking chamber;
  - a lower assembly formed from at least one lower frame member, the lower frame member having a terminal end with an outer peripheral wall surface;
  - at least one projection on one of either the upper assembly or the lower

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assembly; [[and,]]

at least one receiver on the other of the upper assembly or the lower assembly, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver the outer peripheral wall surface of the upper frame member is in planar alignment with the outer peripheral wall surface of the lower frame member[[.]] and,

means for biasing a first portion of the projection into forced engagement with an inner surface of the receiver wherein the outer wall surfaces remain in planar alignment.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 18, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the upper frame members.

21. (Currently Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim [[18]] 20, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the lower frame members.

22. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 18, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the lower frame members.

23. (Currently Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim [[18]] 23, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the upper frame members.

24. (Currently Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:

an upper assembly formed from at least one upper frame member, the upper frame member having a terminal end surface with an outer dimension;

a cooking chamber connected to the upper assembly;

a lower assembly formed from at least one lower frame member, the lower frame member having a terminal end surface with an outer dimension;

at least one engagement assembly that secures the terminal ends of the upper frame member and lower frame member in an end-to-end configuration wherein the terminal end surface of the upper frame member is in mating alignment with the terminal end surface of the lower frame member ~~outer dimension of the upper frame member is substantially aligned with outer dimension of the lower frame member.~~

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25. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 24, wherein the engagement assembly includes a projection and a receiver, the projection positioned on one of either the upper frame member or the lower frame member, the receiver positioned on the other of said upper frame member or said lower frame member.
26. (Original ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 25, further comprising means for biasing a first portion of the projection into engagement with an inner surface of the receiver wherein the upper frame member and lower frame member remain in the end-to-end configuration.
27. (Currently Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 25, further comprising means for biasing a first portion of the projection into engagement with an inner surface of the receiver wherein the terminal end surfaces remain in mating alignment ~~outer dimension of the upper and lower frame members remain in substantial alignment~~.
28. (Currently Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 27, wherein an ~~an~~ [[the]] outer dimension of the upper frame member defines ~~[[is]]~~ the perimeter of said terminal end surface of the upper frame member and an ~~an~~ [[the]] outer dimension of the lower ~~[[upper]]~~ frame member defines ~~[[is]]~~ the perimeter of said terminal end surface of the lower frame member.
29. (Currently Amended) A frame for an outdoor cooking device comprising:  
an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members,  
a lower assembly formed from a plurality of lower frame members;  
at least one projection on one of either the lower assembly or the upper assembly, the projection having a first portion and a second portion; and,  
at least one receiver on the other of said lower assembly or said upper assembly, the receiver having an inner surface, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver, the first portion of the projection receiver is capable of being deformed by a force that biases the first portion ~~biased~~ into contact with the inner surface of the receiver.
30. (Original ) The frame of claim 29, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the upper frame members.

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31. (Original ) The frame of claim 29, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the lower frame members.
32. (Original ) The frame of claim 29, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the lower frame members.
33. (Original ) The frame of claim 29, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the upper frame members.
34. (Original ) The frame of claim 29, wherein the upper assembly is pre-formed.
35. (Original ) The frame of claim 29, wherein the lower assembly is pre-formed.
36. (Original ) The frame of claim 29 further comprising means for biasing the first portion into engagement with the inner surface.
37. (Currently Amended) A frame for an outdoor cooking device comprising:
  - an upper assembly formed from a plurality of upper frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;
  - a lower assembly formed from a plurality of lower frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;
  - at least one projection on one of either the upper assembly or the lower assembly; [[and,]]
  - at least one receiver on the other of said upper assembly or said lower assembly, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver the outer wall surface of the upper frame member is in planar alignment with the outer wall surface of the lower frame member[[]] ; and,
  - means for biasing a first portion of the projection into forced engagement with an inner surface of the receiver wherein the outer wall surfaces remain in planar alignment.
38. (Canceled)
39. (Original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 37, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the upper frame members.
40. (Currently Amended ) The barbecue grill assembly of claim [[37]] 39, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the lower frame members.

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41. (Original) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 37, wherein the projection is positioned on one of the lower frame members.
42. (Currently Amended) The barbecue grill assembly of claim ~~[[37]]~~ 41, wherein the receiver is positioned on one of the upper frame members.
43. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for an outdoor cooking device, the frame assembly comprising:
  - a first frame assembly;
  - a second frame assembly extending substantially lateral to the first frame assembly;
  - at least one projection on one of either the first assembly or the second assembly, the projection having a first portion and a second portion; and,
  - at least one receiver on the other of said first frame assembly or said second frame assembly, the receiver having an inner surface, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver, the first portion of the projection is capable of being deformed by a force to bias the first portion ~~biased~~ into contact with the inner surface of the receiver.
44. (Previously Presented) The frame assembly of claim 43, wherein the biasing of the first portion of the projection into contact with the inner surface of the receiver provides cantilever support of the second frame assembly.
45. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 43, wherein the projection is on the first frame assembly.
46. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 43, wherein the receiver is on the second frame assembly.
47. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 43, wherein the projection is on the second frame assembly.
48. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 43, wherein the receiver is on the first frame assembly.

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49. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 43, wherein the first frame assembly is formed from a plurality of frame members, the first frame assembly adapted to have an outdoor cooking device.
50. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for an outdoor cooking device, the frame assembly comprising:
- a first frame assembly formed from a plurality of first frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;
  - a second frame assembly extending substantially lateral to the first frame assembly, the second frame assembly formed from a plurality of frame members, each frame member having a terminal end with an outer wall surface;
  - at least one projection on one of either the first assembly or the second assembly; [[and,]]
  - at least one receiver on the other of said first frame assembly or said frame second assembly, the projection and the receiver cooperatively dimensioned such that when the projection is received by the receiver the outer wall surface of the first frame member is in planar alignment with the outer wall surface of the second frame member[.]; and
  - means for biasing a first portion of the projection into forced engagement with an inner surface of the receiver wherein the outer wall surfaces remain in planar alignment.
51. (Canceled)
52. (Currently Amended) The frame assembly of claim [[51]] 50, wherein the biasing of the first portion into contact with the inner surface provides cantilever support of the second frame assembly.
53. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 50, wherein the projection is on the first frame assembly.
54. (Currently Amended) The frame assembly of claim [[50]] 53, wherein the receiver is on the second frame assembly.

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55. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 50, wherein the projection is on the second frame assembly.
56. (Currently Amended) The frame assembly of claim ~~[[50]]~~ 55, wherein the receiver is on the first frame assembly.
57. (Original ) The frame assembly of claim 50, wherein the first frame assembly is formed from a plurality of frame members, the first frame assembly adapted to have an outdoor cooking device.
- 58-64. (Canceled)
65. (Currently Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:  
an upper frame assembly having at least one upper frame member, the upper ~~[[lower]]~~ frame member defining a receiver;  
a cooking chamber supported by the upper frame assembly;  
a lower frame assembly having at least one lower frame member with a terminal end;  
a projection affixed to an inner surface of the lower frame member and extending from the terminal end, the projection dimensioned to be removably received by the receiver to join the upper and lower frame assemblies; and,  
wherein the projection is positioned within both the upper frame member and the lower frame member, and wherein a first portion of the projection is biased into contact with an inner surface of the receiver, and wherein a second portion of the projection is affixed to an inner surface of the lower frame member.
66. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 65 wherein the first portion of the projection is biased into contact with the inner surface of the lower frame member.
67. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 66 further comprising means for biasing the first portion of the receiver into contact with the inner surfaces of both the receiver and the lower frame member.



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68. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 67 wherein the second portion of the projection has an aperture and the receiver has an aperture, wherein both apertures are cooperatively positioned and dimensioned to receive the biasing means.
69. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 68 wherein the first portion of the projection has a boss that receives the biasing force from the biasing means.
70. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 65 wherein the second portion of the projection is affixed to the inner surface of the lower frame member by weldment.
71. (Currently Amended) A barbecue grill assembly comprising:  
    an upper frame assembly having at least one upper frame member, the upper ~~lower~~ frame member defining a receiver;  
    a cooking chamber supported by the upper frame assembly;  
    a lower frame assembly having at least one lower frame member;  
    a projection removably received by the receiver to define a joined position of the upper and lower frame assemblies, the projection having a fixed portion and a free portion wherein the fixed portion is affixed an inner surface of the lower frame member;  
    and,  
    means for biasing a free portion of the projection into contact with an inner surface of the receiver to define a secured position of the upper and lower frame assemblies.
72. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 71 wherein in the joined position a first clearance exists between the fixed portion of the receiver and the inner surface of the receiver.
73. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 72 wherein in the joined position a second clearance exists between the free portion of the receiver and the inner surface of the receiver.
74. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 73 wherein in the joined position a third clearance exists between the free portion of the receiver and the inner surface of the lower frame member.

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75. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 71 wherein in the secured position the free portion of the projection is biased into contact with the inner surface of the lower frame member.
76. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 75 wherein the fixed portion of the projection has an aperture and the receiver has an aperture, wherein both apertures are cooperatively positioned to receive the biasing means.
77. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 71 wherein the free portion of the projection has a boss that receives the biasing force from the biasing means.
78. (Previously Presented) The barbecue grill assembly of claim 71 wherein the upper frame member has an end and the lower frame member has an end, and wherein in the joined position the upper and lower frame assemblies are joined in an end-to-end configuration.